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CLOSING CRUISE AND REGATTA TO-MORROW.

Here are some details of to-morrow's yachting programme, for the circulation of which to members there has not been time.

Mrs. Severn has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the day's sport.

By kind permission of Major Law and Officers, the Band of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will play selections on the Club lawn during the afternoon.

The Commodore and Committee will be at Home to members and friends from 2.30 p.m. In the event of unfavourable weather dancing will take place in the Club House during intervals between the events.

PROGRAMME.

SAILING.
Cruiser Classes, English and Chinese Rig (Prize for 1st in each Class). Prep. Gun 1.55 p.m. Starting Gun 2.00 p.m.
Course—Start from Murray Pier, East Rock (S.), Finish Club House W. to E. Distance 12 miles.

CHINESE RIG.
Event I.—Oenone Scratch.
2.00 p.m. Niohe 27"
Lady Jean 52" on Course.
Helen 52"

ENGLISH RIG.
Event I.—Oenone Scratch.
2.00 p.m. Niohe 27"
Lady Jean 52" on Course.
Helen 52"

LADIES' YACHT RACES.
Handicap Class, one Design Class, Heyward Hays and Gael Class. 1st and 2nd Prizes for each Class.
Course—Start Club Line (W. to E.), Mark Boat off Kowloon Point (P.), East Rock (P.), Finish Club House on Starting Line (P.) Finish W. to E. Distance twice round—4 miles.

HANDICAP CLASS.
Prep. Gun 2.50 p.m. Starting Gun 2.55 p.m.
Event I.—Diana Scratch

2.55 p.m. Rolla 20" on Course
Orion 1' 20"
Dorothea 3' 00"
Gladys 3' 00"
Sonia 3' 00"

ONE DESIGN CLASS.
Prep. Gun 2.55 p.m. Starting Gun 3.00 p.m.
Event III.—Ailsa Scratch
3.00 p.m. Daphne 19"
Bonito 19"
Halcyon 19"

HEYWARD HAYS AND GAEL CLASS.
Prep. Gun 3.00 p.m. Starting Gun 3.05 p.m.

HEYWARD HAYS CLASS.
Event IV.—Ursula Scratch.
3.05 p.m. Dawn 1' 20" on Course.
Sirius 1' 20"
Lola 1' 20"
Owl 1' 20"

GAEL CLASS.
Gael Scratch
Toinette 40"
Joan 40"
Theda 40"
Viking 40"

SAILING DIRECTIONS.
The Starting and the Finishing Lines for all Racing yacht races, will be the official line off the Club House, North Point, the outer end of which will be indicated by a mark boat. At the inner end the committee boat Lady Jean will be moored and all competing yachts must pass between this boat and the outer mark boat both for starting and finishing.

(Note—The mark boat at the outer end of line is moveable and does not necessarily indicate the starting or finishing line, but all yachts must pass inside of it.)
A Preparatory Gun will be fired for each race 5 minutes before the Starting Gun.

Time Limit for each Event is 5 p.m. Should any Yachts not have finished by such time, Launches will be provided to tow them into the Club anchorage. Owners of Cruisers are requested to dress ship and anchor off the Club House clear of the racing course not later than 4.30 p.m.

H. S. ROUSE,
Hon. Sec., Sailing Committee.

ROWING PROGRAMME.
Event V.—3.00 p.m. Inter Club Junior Fours, distance 1 mile.

Event VI.—3.00 p.m. All Comers Race—For Whalers, Gigs and Naval Cadets, distance 2 miles.

Event VII.—3.20 p.m. Inter Club Senior Fours, distance 1 mile.

Event VIII.—3.40 p.m. Ladies' Race, (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.

Event IX.—4.00 p.m. Inter Club Junior Pair Oars, distance 1 mile.

Event X.—4.20 p.m. Scratch Fours, (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.

Event XI.—4.40 p.m. Inter Club Senior Pair Oars, distance 1 mile.

Event XII.—5.00 p.m. Dragon Boat Race for Naval Crews. (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.

Event XIII.—5.20 p.m. Inter Club Tub Sculls, distance 1 mile.

ROWING DIRECTIONS.
The Course will be from the direction of Lyemum to the Club house. The programme will commence promptly at 3 p.m. Crews must be at the Starting Line five minutes before advertised time or they will be liable to be disqualified. All Challenge Cups which will be retained for one year only by the winning crews must not be taken away from China and must be returned in good condition at the end of that period to the Rowing Secretary of the R.H.K.Y.C.

The Regatta Committee have ruled that all races will be started from stake boats and will finish between the Winning Post and the Committee boat moored in line with the Club House flag-staff. Any boat passing outside the Committee Boat will be disqualified. Crews must continue rowing till they hear the gun.

OFFICIALS FOR THE DAY.
Starters: Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp K.C., and T. H. G. Brayfield, Esq. Umpires: Messrs. W. Logan and E. B. Reed.
Judges: Lt. Comdr. Drew, R.N., Lt. Comdr. Hake, R.N.R. and Mr. A. Murdoch.
Clerks of the Course: Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, T. Arthur and A. W. van Andel.
Coxswains: Messrs. T. W. White and T. Peley.
Regatta Secretary and Captain: J. S. McCann, Esq.
Time Keepers: Messrs. D. K. Blair and H. S. Rouse.

ROWING SECTION.

CREWS.
Event 5.—Junior Fours—3 p.m. 1 mile. Entrance Fee \$5.00 per boat.

V.R.C.
A. Blake Bow.
G. Pritchard 2
I. Berenson 3
G. May Str.
F. Lenfesty Cox.

R.H.K.Y.C.
P. A. Dixon (bow) 144 lbs.
E. M. Burton (2) 150
A. T. Lamplugh (3) 161
Capt. T. A. V. Noel (Str.) 150
T. Peley (Cox.) 126

Event 7.—Senior Fours—3.20 p.m. Distance 1 mile. For Stock Brokers Cup. Entrance Fee \$5.00 per boat.

V.R.C.
Lt. Merriman Bow.
A. N. Oiler 2
S. Berg 3
S. Dreyer Str.
A. Carroll Cox.

CANTON R.C.
A. E. Quin (Bow) 153 lbs.
A. Huxley (2) 175
J. D. H. Crawford (3) 175
M. Omer (Str.) 185
A. Holton (Cox.) 126

R.H.K.Y.C.
D. C. Logan (Bow) 148 lbs.
V. G. Smyth (2) 164
P. H. Davies (3) 164
J. S. McCann (Str.) 194
G. C. White (Cox.) 126

Event 8.—Post entries.
Event 9.—Junior Pairs—4 p.m. Distance 1 mile. Entrance Fee \$3.00.

CANTON R.C.
A. Huxley (Bow) 175 lbs.
J. D. H. Crawford (Str.) 175
A. Holton (Cox.) 126

1st R.H.K.Y.C.
Huxley (Bow) 144 lbs.
A. Dixon (Str.) 146
G. C. White (Cox.) 126

2nd R.H.K.Y.C.
A. T. Lamplugh (Bow) lbs.
Capt. Noel (Str.) 194
T. Peley (Cox.) 126

Event 10.—4.20 p.m. Scratch Fours, 1 mile. With Lady Coxswains. Crews to be drawn from those oarsmen who have rowed in the Regatta.

Event 11.—4.40 p.m. Inter Club Senior Pairs. For the Murdoch Challenge Cup. Distance 1 mile. Entrance fee \$3.00.

V.R.C.
S. Berg, (bow).
S. Dreyer, (str.)
A. Carroll, (cox.)

R.H.K.Y.C.
V. G. Smyth, (bow) 164 lbs.
J. S. McCann, (str.) 194
T. Peley, (cox.) 126

Event 12.—5.20 p.m. Inter Club Tub Sculls, 1 mile. Entrance fee \$2.00.

CANTON R.C.
H. W. Hewitt.

R.H.K.Y.C.
J. S. McCann.

Extra Event—Fours' Race. Married Men v. Bachelors. 1 mile. If time does not permit this race will be rowed on Sunday, the 24th inst. at 11 a.m.

Guests of members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded that (1) The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, April 23, at 8 p.m., in the Hall of the College; (2) the cricket match of the Staff and Pupils of Queen's College versus the Association will be played on the same day, commencing at 2 p.m., on the Indian Recreation Club ground at Sookimpo Valley.

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gent Mr. Collingwood was well done and Mr. Wordley Hulce deserves much credit for his capable handling of the role of Sir Robert Mythe, counsel for the petitioner. The subsidiary roles were well sustained.

Tonight's attraction will be "A Marriage of Convenience."

Attention is drawn to the change in the sequence of the plays to be given by the H. B. Waring Company at the Theatre Royal, due to boat connections. The "Choice" has been omitted from the programme, its place being taken by "Romeo and Juliet." This play will therefore be presented on Tuesday next instead of Wednesday, as previously announced. The title roles will be taken by Miss Sherwin and Mr. H. B. Waring. A great treat is promised for Wednesday night when "Ann" is to be produced. It is stated that Miss Sherwin has scored her greatest success in this play. Two matinees are being given on Saturday—The merchant of Venice and the other on Wednesday when "Romeo and Juliet" will be repeated.

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QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. N. Grattan Doyle, Mr. Lloyd George stated that hitherto the Government had no reason to take exception to the manner in which the terms of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement had been carried out. There was no evidence of the continuance of Bolshevik propaganda since the agreement had been signed.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Cecil Harcourt stated that the Government was consulting the Government of the Dominions and India with a view to ratification of the convention for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice as soon as possible.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST.
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, the Premier said that the Government was considering the question of the desirability of some form of systematic inquiry into the causes of industrial unrest in Britain. He did not think a royal commission would be the best means of eliciting information on the matter.

YAP ISLAND DISPUTE.

NO BRITISH AND AMERICAN ANTAGONISM.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to the American and Japanese correspondence on the subject of Yap, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government's only official news on the matter was the Japanese note of February 26. Replying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood, the Premier emphasised that there was no question of British and American antagonism. We had no interest whatever in the matter except the general interest of the peace of the world and goodwill among all the nations concerned.

IRISH PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENT AWAITING SINN FEIN OVERTURES.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that the Government was ready to meet representatives of the Irish people for the purpose of discussing any proposals offering a prospect of reconciliation and settlement, subject to the reservations that the strategic unity of the Empire must be safeguarded and Ulster must not be coerced. He pointed out that hitherto no reply had been received to the Government's offer for a safe conduct for meeting Dail Eireann.

PLATE GLASS WINDOWS DAMAGED.

EXTRAORDINARY SERIES OF OUTRAGES IN LONDON.

LONDON, April 21.

An extraordinary series of window-cutting outrages have been carried out throughout London during the night apparently by organised gangs armed with glass-cutting instruments. Over a thousand plate-glass windows have been damaged. The police blame Sinn Feiners.

ERIVAN IN FLAMES.

ARMENIANS RETREAT BEFORE BOLSHIEVICS

LONDON, April 21.

Reuter learns that the population of Erivan is fleeing towards Zangezur covered by Armenian troops who are fighting a rearguard action against the Bolsheviks. A large part of Erivan is in flames. The Bolsheviks have confiscated all possessions of the peasants, including cattle and cereals, and have executed supporters of the Armenian Government.

AMERICAN NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 21.

The Government is shortly introducing the naval appropriation bill in the form approved last session providing \$395,000,000.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNMENT.

Copies of the following correspondence between the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Government have been forwarded to us for publication.

March 3rd, 1921.

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to convey to the Government their expression of regret that the Government does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advance for building houses.

In this connection, I am further under instruction to observe that my Committee have yet to be convinced that the large number of applicants were men of straw who had no possible security to give, and that the Government could find only one applicant for a loan who had made a definite proposition.

I am still further authorised to express the hope that the Government at an early date will find itself in the happy position to renew its generously devised scheme of advancing loans to enable the borrowers to build dwellings-houses, and that in the Government's allocation of any possible available resources, applications from private individuals with tangible security to offer who have already though unsuccessfully approached the Government and those of the same category who may in future apply to the Government for financial accommodations for a similar desirable purpose will receive sympathetic consideration and satisfaction equally with any application from that group which has already been so beneficially gratified.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, H.K.

24th March, 1921.

Sir, With reference to your letter of March 3rd I am directed to inform you that the Government wherever possible is making advances of money to help building schemes which have for their object the provision of suitable dwellings for Europeans and others of varying incomes.

2.—In this connection I may mention that, in addition to what has been done already, another scheme for providing a number of small flats near the ferry pier will be completed by the end of this year while the question of helping persons to build small houses at Kowloon Tong is under consideration.

I should be glad if you would bring to my notice any application which seems to you to have been refused without sufficient grounds.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

2nd March, 1921.

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that my committee have instructed me to ask the Government what progress has been made in connection with the proposed Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, and also when such service may be expected to be in operation.—I have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

January 21st, 1921.

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by my Committee to invite the Government's attention to the imposition of increased rentals of the houses known as David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and to request that the matter be investigated by the Government with a view to securing relief for the tenants, several of whom, being members of this Association have appealed for its support.—I have the honour, etc.

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1921.

Sir, With reference to your letter of January 21st, 1921, drawing attention to increased rentals of houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, I am directed to request you to furnish me a list of these houses, giving particulars of the rents payable before and after the increase in question.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

February 26, 1921.

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 1 in 2576/1919, of the 22nd of February, requesting me to furnish a list of the houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and particulars of the rents payable before and after the proposed increase.

The houses are three in number and are composed of six flats each. The particulars of the rents I have obtained are those of one house (six flats), being three outside flats and three inside flats, they are uniform with the other flats, and are as follows:

| No. | Tenant. | Floor. | Present Rent. | Inc. Rent. |
|-----|---------|--------|---------------|------------|
| 58 | — | Ground | \$60.00 | \$ 80.00 |
| 58 | — | First | 80.00 | 100.00 |
| 58 | — | Top | 80.00 | 100.00 |
| 56 | — | Ground | 55.00 | 75.00 |
| 56 | — | First | 75.10 | 85.00 |
| 56 | — | Top | 72.80 | 85.00 |

I enclose an original letter to one of the tenants from the landlords.—I have the honour, etc.

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, March 7, 1921.

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 26th, February I am directed to inform you that I have inspected figures showing the cost of erecting David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, including the cost of the land when bought, and also a statement of all expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

I find that the rents paid for some years past yielded about 6 per cent. on the total cost of the buildings, while the increased rents give a net return of 8.4 per cent. The Government does not consider this return excessive, and is therefore not prepared to interfere in the matter.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

W. JACKSON, Esq.,

Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

March 1, 1921.

Sir, At a recent meeting of my Committee the proposed Kowloon Hospital came up for consideration.

As a result of a lengthy discussion, I was instructed to enquire of the Government when the work in connection with the preparation of the proposed site will be commenced, and also to enquire what steps are being taken by the Government to accelerate the construction work of the proposed hospital buildings.—I have the honour, etc.

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, March 7, 1921.

Sir, With reference to your letter of March 1st, 1921, on the subject of the proposed Kowloon Hospital I am directed to refer you to the answer given to the question asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock at the meeting of the Legislative Council on March 3, 1921.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

December 27, 1920.

Sir, I am instructed by my Committee to enquire from the Government if it is their intention to install automatic fire-alarms connected with the Kowloon Fire Station.—I have, etc.

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1921.

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 27th December, I am directed to state that in the light of the experience gained of the automatic fire-alarms in use in Victoria it is not intended to install similar apparatus in Kowloon.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

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(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

SMALL BODY OF RESERVES.

Addressing the meeting, Brigadier-General Macnaghten said that many of those present could not join the volunteers either because they were busy or for various other reasons, but in case of emergency they could be of use to the General or the Police.

EX-SERVICE MEN.

BRANCH OF BRITISH LEGION.

FORMED IN HONGKONG.

Plans for the formation of an ex-service organisation whose membership will include all those who served in the war were discussed at a meeting, attended by about 250 ex-service men, which was held at the Victoria Barracks yesterday afternoon at the instance of Major General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I.

After apologising for unavoidable postponement of the meeting which had been called for the previous Friday, Major General Kirkpatrick proceeded briefly, to explain the purpose of the gathering. "Since I have been in Hongkong," the General said, "I have felt very much that there is a need for an organisation of those British who served in the War and are now in 'civil life' in Hongkong."

It would, he continued, be a great pity if the memory of their common experiences, their strenuous times together, and their glorious success was allowed to grow dim, especially in a far-away part of the world like this, where they were a small body of Britons confronting unknown contingencies which no man could foretell. Major-General Kirkpatrick went on to speak of the British Legion, a combination of ex-service organisations whose name seemed to him to express very well their needs and aspirations in a place like Hongkong. He had asked them to come there that afternoon so that they might, if they thought fit, organise themselves in some such fashion here.

They had as their first object, the General said, the continuance of their comradeship, and another great purpose was that of mutual help. It would mean as well that they would be able to keep in touch with each other by social gatherings and, as at home, the organisation should be absolutely non-political, non-sectarian and democratic right through. It should be open to all who served their King and Country and to all who, through that service had earned their country's gratitude and now desired to keep alive the associations and recollections of the time when they were serving together in their country's cause. He hoped that the proposal would commend itself to them and that they would be able to take the first steps towards the formation of such an organisation that afternoon.—(Applause.)

Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten said that the General Officer Commanding had explained fully to the meeting the idea of forming a branch of the British Legion in Hongkong and throughout China, and he had much pleasure in proposing that the Legion be formed.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird seconded. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

A member proposed that the coast ports—Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, etc.—be included in the Association.

The General Officer Commanding said that the words "throughout China" were meant to include those ports.

THE COMMITTEE.

The next business was to elect a committee.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird said that the following gentlemen he had spoken to were prepared to serve on the committee and to their best to further the aims of the Association:—Brig-Gen. Macnaghten, Major Cassel, Messrs. Hill, Brayfield, Cobb, Hall, Lapsley, James, Young, Holmes, Hawker, Bell, Irving, Murdoch, Dr. Black, Dr. Allan and Police Sgt. Booker.

The General Officer Commanding said that the committee would have the power to form an Executive and appoint a Secretary and, if necessary, to call up additional members. If the meeting did not have further names to suggest, he would propose those read out by Col. Bird as above.

Brig-Gen. Macnaghten seconded, and the motion was carried *sem con.*

On the invitation of the General Officer Commanding all present then filled their membership forms and handed them in.

A member called attention to the fact that Col. Bird's name was not included in the committee. He said it could not be complete without the Colonel serving on it.

The General Officer Commanding said that Col. Bird's name should be taken for granted; it was modesty which prompted him not to include himself in the list.

Col. Bird expressed his willingness to serve, and his name was included in the committee.

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The shudder is caused by a slight, temporary physical disturbance due possibly to "an undigested piece of cheese." But to the man superstitiously inclined the shudder seems uncalled for and out of place; and what is uncalled for and out of place must be accounted for. Allied to ignorance is fear. The imagination demands a working hypothesis of some kind and grasps at suggestion. The shudder suggests something gruesome—and what could be more gruesome than one's own grave? But the place of one's own grave is always there—why should a connection between it and its future occupant be set up at that particular moment? Ignorance, fear, man's primitive instinct to try and explain what he cannot understand—the ingredients of superstition—offer the solution. The "grave" is being disturbed—"some one is walking across it." Primitive psychology can be very minute and very logical in such cases. And there you have your superstition, which appeals much more to the imagination than any explanation the doctor may give you of your sudden shudder. Besides, the superstition is so much simpler and more easily understood than the doctor's explanation!

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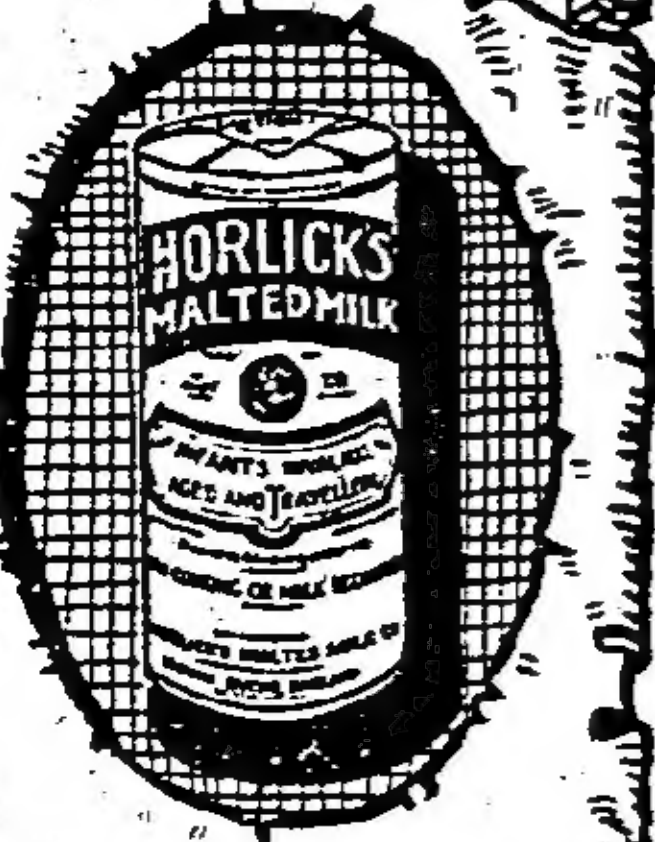
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HONGKONG'S CHILD LABOUR.

MORE QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

ALLEGED "SEMI-SLAVERY DENIES."

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, Major J. D. Birchall asked whether Chinese children in Hongkong under fourteen years of age were permitted to work upwards of seventy hours a week.

Sir Kingsley Wood replied that the Governor had been asked to report on the subject of child labour. There appeared at present to be no legislation. He would very carefully consider the matter when the Governor's report was received.

Further replying to Major Birchall with regard to the *semi* *slavery* system, Sir Kingsley Wood referred to the reply given on April 13. He said that he was advised that "semi-slavery" was not a correct description of the position of these girls.

REPARATION DEMANDS.

GERMANY APPEALS TO UNITED STATES.

HARDING'S MEDIATION SOUGHT.

BERLIN, April 21.

Germany has petitioned the President of the United States to mediate on the reparations question and undertakes to pay the allied powers as reparations such sum as the President, after investigation, may find just and right.

WASHINGTON, April 21.

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MINERS STILL OBSTINATE.

DEMAND FOR NATIONAL WAGES BOARD UNSHAKEN.

A TRADE UNION SENSATION.

LONDON, April 21.

At the conclusion of a meeting of the miners' executive it was stated that reports from various districts indicated that the miners firmly adhered to the principle of a national wages board and a national pool of profits. No further communications have been received from the Government and coal-owners. A conference of miners is being held to-morrow morning in order to consider the situation.

LONDON, April 21.

A sensation has been caused in trade union circles owing to the rank and file of the united vehicle workers' union seizing the union's headquarters and turning out the officials whom they alleged had secretly discussed matters affecting reduction of wages.

LATER.

The Secretary of the transport workers has made a statement that the raiders who took possession of the headquarters were extremists who were also incensed at the non-support of the miners' strike. Meanwhile the raiders declare they will remain there day and night.

AIR ESTIMATES.

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EGYPT'S CENTRAL POSITION.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, in introducing the air estimates and dealing with £157,000 for air services in Egypt, mostly for housing the personnel, Capt. the Hon. F. T. Guest declared that Egypt would be the central flying depot in the East. With regard to civil aviation, Capt. Guest explained that the subsidised London-Paris service was running for seven months experimentally, the Air Council guaranteeing a profit of ten per cent to each of the two firms concerned. The Air Ministry would pay £75 for each single flight provided that the maximum total did not exceed £25,000 to each firm. This arrangement provided one flight each way daily.

ARMAMENT FOLLY.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE "TERRIFYING COSTS."

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. G. Lambert asked whether the Government had made representations to the United States and Japan with regard to cessation of warship building. He declared that the cost of armaments to Britain was a ruinous burden on industry. Mr. Lloyd George agreed that the cost of armaments throughout the world was very terrifying, but such questions must be approached with a good deal of tact and judgment. If they attempted to rush it the object in view was not likely to be achieved.

KING RECEIVES MAJOR-GENERAL VENTRIS.

LONDON, April 21.

The King received Major-General Ventriss on relinquishing his post of Commander of the British Forces in China.

PLAGUE AT ALEXANDRIA.

QUARANTINE ON VESSELS LEAVING PORT.

ALEXANDRIA, April 21.

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MRS. A. G. LANG NOMINATED.

The nomination of a representative to act on the Legislative Council during the temporary absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak occupied the attention of members of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of that body held yesterday afternoon.

Outlining the purpose of the meeting, Mr. A. G. Lang (Vice-Chairman), who presided stated—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called at the request of the Hongkong Government to nominate a member of this Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. As you are aware, Mr. Holyoak left the Colony, yesterday, and the chair at this meeting, therefore, devolves upon me as Vice-Chairman of the Chamber. The requisite notice has been advertised in the papers calling for nominations, and the only name put forward is my own, proposed by Mr. G. T. Edkins, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and supported by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and members of this Committee.

As you are aware, the proposed Stamp Ordinance comes up for second reading on Monday, the 25th, and in order that this Chamber and the commercial community of Hongkong should be represented at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and the views of members of the Chamber, regarding which a meeting will be held immediately after this meeting is over, should be laid before the Government, it is necessary that the Chamber now nominate its representative for the Council. I will now call upon the proposer and seconder to support the nomination.

Mr. G. T. Edkins: I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lang is well-known to the community as senior in a firm long associated with the business of the Colony. He is on many of the boards of companies in the Colony. Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and he has had long experience in matters debated by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I have no hesitation, therefore, in commending him to you, and I believe you will accept him as entirely fitted for this nomination. (Applause.) I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as our representative on the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen: I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Lang.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the rules relating to voting.

The motion was carried with applause.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I thank you exceedingly for the great honour you have done me, and although I cannot hope to emulate Mr. Holyoak in his wonderful powers of oratory, you may rest assured that I shall do my very best to protect this Chamber's interests, as well as the interests of the commercial community of this Colony during the short time which I expect to serve on the Council. (Applause.) No one deplures Mr. Holyoak's enforced absence from the Colony at this particular time more than I do, and I am sure we all hope that his change to Japan will result in complete restoration to health. I thank you.

PREVALENCE OF RABIES.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF DOGS.

The following notification was published yesterday by a Government Gazette Extraordinary:—

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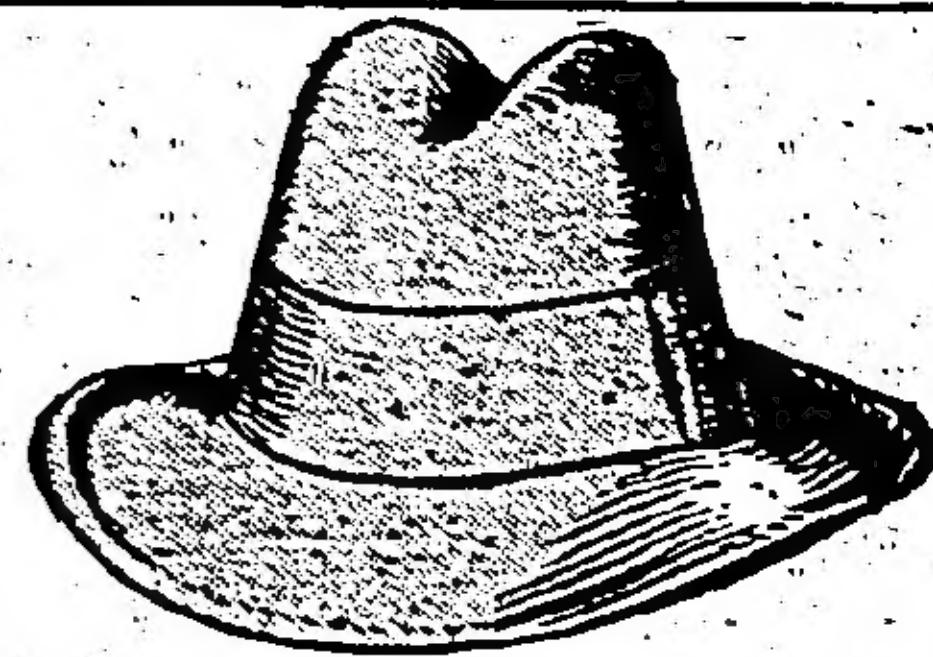
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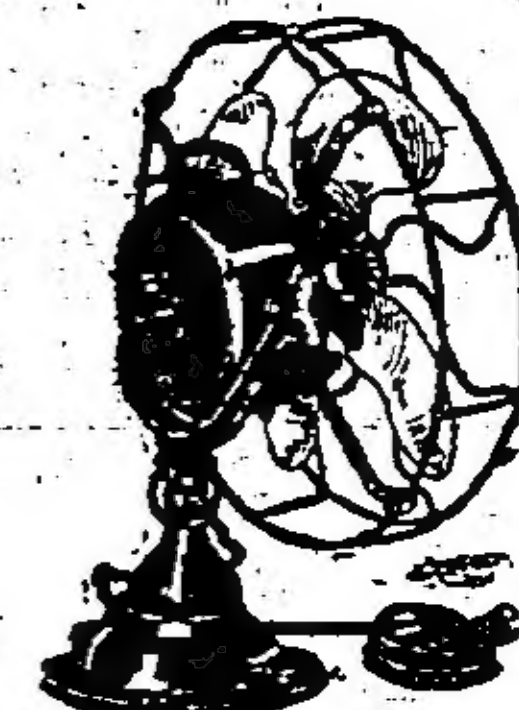
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LORD LEE'S VIEWS.

AMERICA'S CLAIM TO EQUALITY.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects, at Connaught Rooms, Lord Lee of Fareham (First Lord of the Admiralty) said the Board of Admiralty was today faced with some of the most perplexing problems that had ever confronted naval administration in this country. The decision was made more difficult because, at the same time, they had to solve the question of how to maintain the Navy at adequate strength and to make heavy obligations on the altar of international economy. These things were not easy to reconcile, and the task would seem hopeless were it not that one was fortified and comforted by the lessons of history. Questions similar to these were occupying the Admiralty in the time of Pepys. Then, as now, there had been no really serious controversy among the naval experts, not only in this country, but throughout the world. We had been confronted recently with the problem of the capital ship. In regard to this and in all other matters we had had critics and critics. There were the other critics—those who fight and run away in order to write another day. (Laughter and cheers.) There were those who told us that the capital ship was obsolete. He did not find that that was the balance of opinion held in any naval country and so far as the Admiralty inquiries had gone here, they were convinced that the capital ship was not obsolete—that it still remained the basis of sea power, and that it would still continue to play in the future the same vital part in naval warfare as it had done in the past. (Cheers.) The Admiralty were not sitting on a fence, and the statement made only two days ago showed that they proposed a modest replacing of our older and obsolete capital ships. They were doing it, largely upon the principle that, if it seemed necessary in the financial circumstances of the time, we must rest content with a smaller Navy, it was more and more imperative that the Navy should be of the very highest quality with regard to its material and that we should maintain it unimpaired in what it had been always in the past, and that was the highest possible efficiency in its personnel. (Cheers.) If they were to proceed on any other assumption it would be impeding that most precious possession of British sea-power—the moral and spirit of the British Navy. As re-

garded the actual ships, there was a wide field of speculation as to detail.

Discussing the broader international aspects of naval policy, Lord Lee said, "I think all of us must be asking ourselves frequently the question—'Whither are we going after the triumphant conclusion of that war which was to make the world safe for civilisation?' It is hard to believe that those who were fighting side by side to save that civilisation are now going to build navies against each other if for no other reason than because it would be so ridiculous and so silly. (Hear, hear.) I am encouraged in this matter by the moderate view which is being taken by the Governments of other great naval Powers, but it is better that we should speak plainly of the greatest naval Power in the world apart from ourselves. We see the United States of America Senate is laying down the principle that America shall maintain a Navy at least equal to that of any other Power. That is a claim to equality which this country has never expected in the past—(hear, hear)—and never would expect save in connection with a great English-speaking nation that sprang from its loins, and must ever hold a great place in our regard and confidence. (Cheers.) We have twice affirmed in the most formal way possible our expedient for the future of one Power standard. If you look across the Atlantic you see that Mr. Denby, Secretary of the American Navy, has said that American interests naturally call for a navy equal to that of any other Power. The difference between our formula and that of America is too slight to be made a subject of controversy, still less of friction or hostility. I join issue with those who say we should not discuss this question, because war with any of our late Allies and with America is unthinkable. Wars do not become impossible because people never think about them, and this is a subject about which we ought to be thinking—thinking day and night with the fixed intention of making it impossible—(cheers)—because if ever a war is going to take place between us and any of our late Allies it will be the fault of blind or criminal leading, for which our statesmen, whether in London, Washington, Tokyo, or the capital of any other naval Power, would be condemned and executed in history if they fail to avert such a tragedy. Mr. Denby had said that the greatest calamity that could overtake humanity would be war between this country and America, and that between us we could control the sea.

"I have no doubt," he said, "that between us we could, but the question before us to-day is whether we are heading in the right direction with regard to our Navy without consulting with each other. In that respect I think the Government of this country has a clear record. We have in our estimates of this year

USELESS INDIAN DIVORCES.

DILEMMA OF HUNDREDS WHO REMARRIED.

A decree absolute granted to an English officer in India for the dissolution of his marriage was held by the President Sir Henry Duke, in the Divorce Court to be invalid. The point was raised by a suit for divorce from his wife, Annie Brash, brought by Captain Reginald Keyes, of the Dene, Dartford, Kent, who had been previously granted a decree absolute by the Punjab Chief Court. In the second suit a decree nisi was granted. When the case was argued on February 23, it was stated that if the divorce granted in the Punjab was invalid, it would mean that the children of hundreds of second marriages of persons divorced there since 1869 would be made illegitimate. It was also stated that, in that event, an Act of Parliament would be needed to legalise those Indian divorces and remarriages.

Sir Henry Duke said the determining point was legal domicile. The suit for divorce must be brought in the country in which the petitioner was domiciled. Capt. Keyes was domiciled in England, therefore his Punjab divorce was invalid.

set an example of reduction. We have, admittedly taken risks as regards the relative position of our Navies and of others, and we are prepared to go as far as possible in that direction by mutual agreement. But merely to talk of hands across the sea is not sufficient; we must have a navy enough to talk about blood being thicker than water. What we want is that plain horse sense which is characteristic of both our countries, and personally from a long knowledge of America I have a profound belief in business talking leading up to a square deal. I hold strongly that in this matter we are not engaged in a game of poker or of bluff, but in a sort of game where we ought to lay our cards on the table, and discuss frankly with our friends what the future should be. (Cheers.) The only point that remains to be settled is who is to make the first move to initiate the discussion. Still we are not disposed to stand upon ceremony in this or in any other matter. We welcome the hint which has been thrown out by President Harding, and it will continue to be met with the most cordial and helpful response here. (Cheers.) I can say this, that if the invitation comes from Washington, personally I am prepared to put aside all other business, pressing though it may be, in order to take part in business then which there can be nothing more pressing in the affairs of this world. (Cheers.)

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Hongkong, April 20, 1921.

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MONDAY, April 25, 1921,

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at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Collection of Fine Table

Glassware,

And

A few Water Colours.

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A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture.

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Teak hatstand, rough arm-chairs,

bookstand, card table, electric table

lamps, cases and ornaments, etc., etc.

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chairs, teak sideboard, dinner wagon,

tea table, cutlery and glassware,

etc., etc.

Teak wardrobe, dressing table,

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Also

A few pieces of Blackwood-ware.

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FARES FOR PUBLIC
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CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria, with two Drivers.

Quarter hour, 10 cents

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 30 "

Two hours, 50 "

Three hours, 70 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,

full fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6

a.m. the above fares shall be increased

by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Drivers.

Hour, 0.60 cents.

Three hours, \$1.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), \$3.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, if engaged

in Victoria.

Two minutes, 5 cents

Quarter hour, 10 "

Half hour, 15 "

One hour, 20 "

Every subsequent hour, 30 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged

within the City of Victoria, and be dis-

charged outside the Western part of the

City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-

charged to the East of Bay View Police

Station on the Eastern side of the City

of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half

fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, 5 cents

Half hour, 10 "

Hour, 15 "

Every subsequent hour, 10 "

III.—Taipei Road.

Twenty cents shall be added

for each extra hour or part

of an hour if the ricksha carries

the journey to take longer

than —

4th mile 75 cents 1 hour

return \$1.00 3 hours

Beyond 4th to 6th mile

single \$1.20 3 hours

return \$1.50 4 "

Beyond 6th to 8th mile

single \$1.75 3 1/2 "

return \$2.00 5 "

Beyond 8th to 11th mile

single \$2.40 4 1/2 "

return \$2.80 7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th

mile to be a matter of previous arrange-

ments in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one

ricksha with three coolies from Tsan Sha

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